



Postgraduate Certificate in Neurodiversity

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COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

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Are you interested in enhancing your neurodiversity knowledge and practice? Our Postgraduate Certificate in Neurodiversity imparts hands-on skills in this area, with a focus on current issues in the education sector, the workplace, and the criminal justice system. You'll graduate with a strong foundation in neurodiversity and the skills to support neurodiversity and inclusive practice in your personal and professional life. The course begins with an introduction to neurodiversity, covering areas such as dyslexia, autism, ADHD, and mental health. You will then choose two modules from the key sectors of education, work, or criminal justice.

Course at a glance

- Gain an in-depth understanding of the topic of neurodiversity
- Learn how to support neurodiversity and implement inclusive practice in your professional life.
- Improve your neurodivergent in working with neurodivergent individuals.
- Apply your knowledge and experience to real-life scenarios.

Key facts

Location: Online

Start dates: Every 3 months

Part time: 1 year+

Contact us

If you'd like to get in touch to find out more about studying this course, please use the following:

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Entry requirements

- A UK Honours Degree at a minimum of second class (2.2) or equivalent
- If you have experience or qualifications that aren't a clear pathway to this degree, we are more than happy to discuss your application.
- IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element); or TOEFL iBT 90; or equivalent.
- Alternatively, evidence you have previously studied in English can be accepted.
- We also offer an internal English test for applicants who are unable to provide an English Proficiency letter.

Career Progression

- Academia
- Special Education Needs (SEN) Teacher
- Diversity and Inclusion Specialist
- Learning Support Coordinator
- Social Worker

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Online learning

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You'll study the course through ilearn, our university campus in the cloud. ilearn provides you with an integrated online learning experience, including your virtual classroom, lecture hall, and online library of more than half a million books and journals – yours for free while you study with us.

Studying online doesn't mean studying alone. As well as receiving regular feedback and guidance from your course tutor, you'll be studying with likeminded students and you'll have access to community message boards to discuss your course and the topics being raised within it.

We've even set up community boards embedded into each of the course modules so you can have discussions with your tutor and classmates on the topics you're currently learning.

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Online learning key benefits

- Study anywhere worldwide
- Plan your own schedule
- Benefit from reduced costs
- Study around work and family life

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On this postgraduate certificate, you'll complete three modules totalling 60 credits. Your core first module will introduce you to the topic of neurodiversity, including its key theoretical, historical, and cultural aspects. You'll then choose two of three elective modules providing you with an in-depth look into neurodiversity issues in the education sector, the workplace, or the criminal justice system.

Your learning material on the course will explore neurodiversity across the lifespan, how it's categorised, the various diagnostic assessments that are in place, enablers and barriers that neurodiverse individuals might face, inclusive research, and much more. Please see the following pages for a detailed overview of each course module.

Level 7 core modules

Introduction to Neurodiversity (20 credits)

This module will provide you with an introduction to and a strong foundation in the topic of neurodiversity. You will explore a wide range of key theoretical approaches to neurodiversity and its historical and cultural aspects. The module will also cover fundamental neurodiversity paradigms such as the social model of disability, the various categorisations of neurodiversity and diagnostic assessments, disability stigma, and more.

Level 7 elective modules

Neurodiversity in Education (20 credits)

Applicable to anyone working within any level of the education system, this module imparts essential best practice knowledge on inclusivity in the classroom and in teaching, assessments, and lesson planning. It will also explore exclusion and provide you with an understanding of why individuals exhibit challenging behaviour and how to respond to challenging behaviour and provide effective student support.

Neurodiversity in the Criminal Justice System (20 credits)

Because there is a high correlation between the school exclusion of neurodiverse youths and youth crime, this module highlights the importance of early identification, support and intervention. The module is relevant to anyone working in education, criminal justice, or youth offending. You will explore models of best practice when working with neurodiverse individuals within the criminal justice system, reasonable adjustments and inclusive practice, accessibility and support within the prison system, legal representation, and arrest and questioning procedures.

Neurodiversity and Work (20 credits)

This module is suitable for anyone in the world of work and particularly for those in people facing roles. It will explore both individual and employer responsibilities towards neurodivergent individuals, including neurodiversity awareness, interview adjustments and special requirements, and legal and ethical considerations. You will also learn methods for attracting neurodiverse talent, supporting their strengths and wellbeing in the workplace, and responding to challenges.



Prof. Gail Steptoe-Warren

Head of School - Psychology

Prof. Gail Steptoe-Warren is the Head of School for Psychology and is a Chartered Member of the British Psychological Society, a Full Member of the Division of Occupational Psychology, and a registered occupational psychologist with the Health Care Professions Council. Gail has worked within the HEI sector for over 16 years, having achieved Principal Fellow status of the HEA, as well as worked in a consultancy capacity within the public, private, voluntary, and charitable sectors.

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